

EGLITE SIGNS ON AT WEALDSTONE

ILFORD have lost their experienced winger, Adrian Eglite, the ex-Ajax player, who has signed as a professional for Southern League club, Wealdstone. This has upset Chelmsford City who had been in contact with Ilford about signing Elite and had expected to secure him this week.

Ilford also have problems in obtaining the release of England striker, Tony Bass and defender John Still from Bishop's Stortford, who are holding up their clearances. There is no sign at the moment that the exodus of players from Bishop's Stortford has ceased, but the clubs is now seriously thinking of putting their remaining players on contract in order to stem the flow.

Walthamstow Avenue meet this week to finalise details about turning professional, but meanwhile they have issued a "hands off" notice to clubs contemplating approaching their players.

Secretary, Norman Moss, said: "We are very concerned about this. One of our players has been the consistent target of these clubs and it is definitely upsetting his play. We have evidence of an illegal approach by a certain club and if necessary will produce evidence to prove it."

Earlier this season Walthamstow Avenue were involved in a bitter clash with Leytonstone after losing Micky Taylor to them, and the matter went before the Rothmans Isthmian League Council.

There is no danger of the Athenian League disbanding at the moment. This was confirmed by their management committee after it had met to discuss the recent decision of the Rothmans Isthmian League to absorb another four clubs — almost certainly from the Athenians — for next season. The Athenians intend to carry on with two divisions of 18 and 16 clubs respectively and any further losses are to be made up from new applicants.

They have formed a ground

committee to inspect the facilities of clubs wishing to join them. The league is also investigating sponsorship but they may have left this far too late in the current economic climate especially as the Isthmians have skimmed the cream. The committee hope they have persuaded secretary, Geoff Dell, to change his mind about quitting at the end of the season.

Bishop's Stortford received a setback when Bromley defender John Rains changed his mind after applying to join them, stating a preference for Sutton. Bromley had withheld Rains' transfer to Stortford but he will probably be allowed to move to Sutton without any trouble. Sutton have also signed Ken Grose from Dulwich Hamlet, after releasing Kelvin Roots, who has joined Croydon.

Hendon have released centre half Brian Parkinson, their second professional signing, as business commitments make it difficult for him to train with them regularly. They have signed Benny Odeje, the first coloured schoolboy to play for England, who was formerly with Charlton and Dulwich Hamlet.

The ex-Leatherhead "colony" at Kingstonian is increasing, with Phil Dade moving to Richmond Road this week. He links up with former Leatherhead colleagues, Ron Fruen, Nobby Skinner and Derek Casey.

Hayes have released John Watt who is to join Maidenhead, but have failed to sign Peter Gelson, freed by Brentford. Gelson has joined Hillingdon Borough, the Southern League side, although I understand Hayes offered similar terms.

Enfield have released full back Alan Birmingham after only eight weeks. Birmingham, who missed a last minute penalty against them in the 1970 Amateur Cup final when he was with Skelmersdale United, recently returned to this country after a spell in South Africa. He is living in Liverpool and commuted to Enfield for matches.

Enfield also plan to spend £2,000 on improving their flood lights. They have had to lay a new electricity cable to supply additional power for their new restaurant which is nearing completion and have been able to strengthen their floodlights.

Harrow Borough open their new £200,000 complex at Earlsmead on Saturday and will be flat out to gain admission to the Rothmans Isthmian League next season.

Denis Follows, the former secretary of the Football Association, called attention to the progressive attitude of the Rothmans Isthmian League at a recent speech at the Surrey Coaches F.A. dinner. He stressed that in his opinion the point awarded for a nought-nought draw should be scrapped.

He said: "Football is the only game we play in where teams have not got to earn a point. You know you have one when you step on the field. Eliminate the point for a nought-nought draw and you must make the game more attractive. There is no need to change the laws of the game at international level to do this. The Rothmans Isthmian league used their authority to change their rules and make their game more attractive and their divisions stronger."

TAKING a break from the Rothmans Isthmian League, Wycombe Wanderers entertain Oxford University tonight (Tuesday) for another friendly. Entry to the match is free for members.

Wanderers are expected to give games to Dylan Evans, Graham Mackenzie and Dave Alexander. The latter made his league debut as substitute in the Blues' 1-1 draw at Barking on Saturday.

Oxford will include Tony Price, the former Wycombe player, who left the club at the start of this season. Price has made a big impression in his first term at Oxford.

TICKETS for Saturday's F.A. Cup fourth qualifying round against Margate will be on sale tonight during the match and on Thursday from 7.30-9.00 p.m.

Spectators are strongly advised to secure their tickets by Thursday as no further reserved seats will be sold after that date.

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	CD
Enfield	15	12	1	2	27	11	37	60
Wycombe	18	9	5	4	25	13	32	10
Ilford	16	10	2	4	36	22	32	20
L'head	14	9	2	3	33	15	29	30
Bishop's	16	9	1	6	27	20	28	00
Sutton	14	8	1	5	23	16	28	10
Tooting	11	8	0	3	17	11	24	30
Dulwich	16	7	3	6	24	22	24	30
Clapton	15	8	0	7	25	26	24	120
Barking	16	7	2	7	26	20	23	10
Dag'ham	9	7	1	1	22	7	22	00
Hendon	18	6	4	6	22	22	22	20
W'stow	14	6	3	5	25	21	21	60
Woking	14	4	4	6	20	22	16	30
Slough	16	4	4	8	19	25	16	20
Kings	13	5	1	7	11	18	16	10
Oxford	13	5	0	8	15	22	15	20
Hayes	16	3	4	9	17	30	13	100
Hitchin	12	3	2	7	18	24	11	20
L'stone	11	3	1	7	11	17	10	40
Walton	16	3	1	12	14	40	10	30
Bromley	15	1	0	14	7	33	3	20

* C=caution 1 pt., D=dismissal 4 pts.